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TAGS: PHUM, PK (SAQI, JAM)  
SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: JAM SAQI CASE

REF: A) KARACHI 815, B) KARACHI 276, C) 85 KARACHI 851.

1. SENATOR CRANSTON HAS REQUESTED AN UPDATE ON JAM SAQI.

2. REF A MENTIONED THAT SAQI'S SENTENCE WILL RUN OUT THIS YEAR. REF B MENTIONED SAQI AS BEING AMONG PROMINENT POLITICAL PRISONERS ABOUT WHOM PM JUNEJO HAS BEEN FREQUENTLY ASKED AND NOTED THAT THE ISSUE OF SUCH POLITICAL PRISONERS HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE SIND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FOR DECISION. REF B ALSO MENTIONED THAT PETITIONS WERE FILED WITH THE SIND HIGH COURT ON JANUARY 8 IN THE CASE OF SAQI'S CODEFENDANTS JAMAUDIN NAQVI AND DR. JABBAR KHATTAK.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST INFORMATION ON SAQI'S HEALTH AND CURRENT CONDITIONS OF DETENTION, E.G., ACCESS BY FAMILY OR ATTORNEYS, AS WELL AS REGARDING EXPIRATION DATE OF SENTENCE, POSSIBILITY OF EARLY RELEASE, AND WHATEVER ELSE MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO SENATOR CRANSTON REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF SAQI CASE. SHULTZ

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